

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-10 as follows, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, as modified by Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted, 1267 OG 106 (Feb. 25, 2003):

1. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal for sealing a gap (3)-between two adjacent components ~~(1,2), in particular in turbo machines, with,~~ comprising:
two components separated by a gap, each component including a sealing surface, the two sealing surfaces facing each other, one of the two components comprising a step that projects from one component sealing surface toward the other component sealing surface;
a sealing body (7) ~~from comprising~~ a band (18) that ~~has~~ having a cross-section bent in such a way ~~that to form~~ two contact zones (8) ~~formed on it which~~ abut with a preload against the two facing sealing surfaces (9)-of the components (1,2)-and deflect resiliently when the distance between the sealing surfaces (9)-is changed, and ~~that a~~ support zone (11)-formed between the contact zones (8)-is-supported vertically relative to the spring-direction of resilient movement on a said step (10) ~~formed on one of the components (2) and projects from the latter's sealing surface (9) towards the sealing surface (9) of the other component (1).~~
2. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising two spaces at different pressures, wherein the gap (3)-connects the two spaces (4,5) with different pressures, whereby and wherein the sealing body (7)-is supported on ~~that a~~ side of the step (10)-that faces the space (4)-with the higher pressure.
3. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sealing body (7)-has a hollow profile (13)-that is open including an opening on one side of its the sealing body cross-section, ~~whereby a~~ wherein the profile opening (14)-faces the space (4)-with the higher pressure.
4. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 3, characterized in that wherein the band (18)-consists of comprises correspondingly bent spring steel.
5. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 4, characterized in that wherein the two sealing surfaces (9)-of the components (1,2)

are constructed level and extend parallel to each other, and ~~that~~ the two contact zones (8) are located on a straight line that is vertical to the sealing surfaces ~~(9)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 5, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the band (18) has a C-shaped cross-sectional profile.

7. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 5, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the profile of the band (18) ~~has~~ comprises a U-shaped center section (18) ~~and two end sections, with~~ the support zone (11) being between the two end sections (15), ~~whereby wherein~~ the end sections (15) are bent outward ~~in a and rounded way, and the end sections comprise~~ are provided with the contact zones (8).

8. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 7, ~~characterized in that wherein the band further comprises~~ contact bodies (17) ~~provided with including the~~ contact zones ~~(8) are formed on the band (18)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 8, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the step (10) projects from the associated sealing surface (9) ~~to such an extent a distance so that the shaped bend a bent portion of the~~ sealing body (7) ~~also remains in the elastic range when the step (10), because of a~~ corresponding relative movement of the components (1,2), comes to abut against the opposite sealing surface ~~(9) or on the opposite component (1)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 9, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ at least one of the components (1,2) is comprises an element of a turbine or a compressor, and the element is selected from the group consisting of a guide vane, or a rotor vaneblade, or and a heat shield element of a turbine or of a compressor.